

PATENT

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:           **CLAERHOUT, Mike**  
Serial No.:                       Not known  
Filing Date [371(c)]:           Not known  
Title:                           **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR THERMAL  
DE-BURRING OF SLOTTED WELL LINERS**  
Group Art Unit:               Not known  
Examiner:                      Not known

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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October 17, 2005

TO:   Commissioner for Patents  
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**A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Applicant respectfully requests entry of amendments in accordance with the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper, and in which all amended claims have been marked to indicate the changes made, relative to the claims in the international application (which was not amended in the international phase).

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted concurrently with the initial national stage submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.